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ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION

Statistics relating to the fifty-third session of the Commission on Human Rights

Note by the Secretariat

1. A detailed statistical report prepared by the Secretariat relating to the fifty-third session of the Commission on Human Rights was distributed to the members of the Bureau in May 1997.

2. A shorter version of that report containing the most relevant statistical data relating to the fifty-third session of the Commission is reproduced as an annex to the present document.

3. The statistics contained in the annex might be considered useful with respect to the organization and rationalization of work of the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-fourth session.

ANNEX

Statistical data relating to the work of the fifty-third session of the Commission on Human Rights

I. PARTICIPANTS

	No. of delegations	No. of participants	% of participants
Member States	53	535	23
Observer States	92	504	22
United Nations bodies	9	52	2
United Nations Secretariat	7	24	1
Specialized agencies	6	29	1
Non-member States	2	14	0.9
Intergovernmental and other organizations	16	75	3
National liberation movement	1	3	0.1
NGOs			
Total	203	1 105	47
General status	28	145	6
Special status	127	732	31
Roster	48	228	10
Total	389	2 341	100

II. MEETING AND PARALLEL ACTIVITIES

A. Plenary meetings

Total number of meetings	70
additional meetings	17
cancelled meetings	2

B. Parallel activities

Total number of meetings	563
Working groups	4
Governments	192
NGOs	111
DPI/Centre for Human Rights	24
Bilateral meetings	228
National institutions	4

III. TIME USE

Total time used	178h 39m
Total time lost	31h 21m
- due to late starting	26h 41m
- due to early ending	4h 40m

IV. INTERVENTIONS AND TIME DISTRIBUTION

A total of 1,139 interventions 1/ were made in the general debate. Their breakdown is as follows:

Statements	Number	Hours	Average
Member States	289	36.39	0.08
Observer States	162	17.45	0.07
United Nations bodies	7	0.44	0.06
Specialized agencies	4	0.27	0.07
Non-member States	9	0.51	0.06
Intergovernmental and other organizations	17	2.01	0.07
National liberation movement	2	0.22	0.11
NGOs			
Total	386	35.38	0.06
General status	43	3.56	0.05
Special status	234	21.27	0.06
Roster	109	10.15	0.06
Total 2/	876	94.26	0.06

Rights of reply	Number	Hours	Average
Member States	51	2.29	0.03
Observer States	67	2.57	0.03
National liberation movement	4	0.11	0.03
Total	122	5.37	0.03

Points of order	Number	Hours	Average
Total	50	1.10	0.01

Dignitaries	Number	Hours
Secretary-General	1	0.12
From Member States	15	3.38
From Observer States	14	3.49
Others:	7	1.44
Total	37	9.23

Special rapporteurs/representatives/ experts/chairpersons	Number	Hours
Total	54	12.02

V. DOCUMENTATION

Documents issued for the Commission	Number	Pages
Pre-session (total)	212	4 395
General distribution	157	3 431
Confidential 3/	55	964
In-session (total)	314	2 096
General distribution (not including NGOs)	30	309
NGO 4/	107	411
Limited distribution	143	890
Miscellaneous	34	486
Post-session (total) (Annual Report of the Commission)	1	489
Total	527	13 471

Background documents	Number	Pages
General distribution	150	1 535
Confidential	48	1 412
Total	198	2 947

VI. COSTS

A. Translation

The cost of one page, edited, translated into the six official United Nations languages, reproduced and distributed, has been estimated at US$ 2,136.

B. Interpretation

One hour of interpretation	US$ 2,681
Total costs of interpretation	US$ 563,101

VII. VOTING

A total of 85 draft resolutions and 26 draft decisions were submitted during the fifty-third session of the Commission.

A total of 22 hours and 16 minutes were used for voting in 14 meetings of the plenary.

A. Voting on draft resolutions and draft decisions

Resolutions	Number
Adopted by consensus	63
Adopted by roll-call vote	15
Total	78

Decisions	Number
Adopted by consensus	25
Adopted by roll-call vote	1
Total	26

B. Classification of adopted resolutions and decisions

	Country	Thematic	Other
Resolutions	19	12	48
Decisions	1	0	25
Total	20	12	73

Notes

1/ Interventions made during the closed sessions and the voting process are not included. These amount to 56 hours and 1 minute.

2/ Six per cent (49 in total) were group statements.

3/ Confidential documents are issued in English, French, Russian and Spanish only, except for the confidential report of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, the report of the "Working Group on Situations" and the confidential decisions adopted by the Commission, which are issued in all six official languages.

4/ NGO documents are issued in English, French and Spanish only.